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16 March 1956

RECIPIENT FOR: Project Director

POSITION : Project Director of Administration 25X1A9a

SUBJECT : Termination of Contract - [REDACTED] /Contract Employee

1. Subject reported into Headquarters on 29 February and has had several conversations with the Project Director, Deputy Project Director, Colonel Berg and the undersigned. He is still available, as per our request, on a daily basis pending a decision as to his future.

2. The following courses are open for the solution of this case:

a. Return of the individual to [REDACTED] for continuation in the program: This possibility has been thoroughly discussed by personnel concerned and has been rejected as unsuitable.

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b. Reassignment of the subject to a Headquarters position in the Project: This possibility has also been thoroughly discussed with [REDACTED] and it is not considered suitable. In addition to normal security requirements (subject would have to have an SI clearance, etc. to work in the Ops Section), it is considered poor policy to establish a precedent where disaffecteds may look forward to a civilian type assignment in Project Headquarters.

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c. Assignment of subject to either a civilian or military type position within CIA: This possibility has been thoroughly explored by the undersigned and it has been determined that there are no suitable vacancies at or near subject's present income for which he would qualify. Subject has a very limited usefulness outside of his basic flying specialty and programs wherein such qualifications as he does possess might be utilized have no current requirements. This matter has also been discussed with [REDACTED] who concurs in the non-availability of assignments.

d. Reassignment and reinstatement into USAF: From the Project point of view, this is the most desirable solution. On 15 March we discussed this possibility with Colonel Berg once again and he reiterated previous comments that the Air Force was quite ready to proceed, at our request, with this procedure but that he (Colonel Berg) and the Project Director had discussed this and come to the conclusion that it would be advisable to wait until on or about 1 June before such reinstatement should be accomplished. Colonel Berg feels that a prompt reinstatement at this time might again establish an embarrassing precedent insofar as other Air Force-furnished pilots are concerned, and he believes it preferable to have subject wait until at least 1 June.

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3. Recommendations:

a. It is, therefore, recommended that subject be immediately advised that we are unable to utilize his services within CIA or within the Project and that the Air Force will be ready to proceed with his reinstatement on or about 1 June 1956. Subject will be advised that he will remain in a General Duty status until such reinstatement shall be accomplished and he will be free to depart Washington at his convenience. At the time of such meeting with subject, he will also be advised that he is now considered to be PCS Washington, and therefore per diem payments will cease. Although subject will be allowed transportation expenses to the original point of hire, or such other point as may be mutually agreed, it is recommended that payment of such expenses be deferred until actual termination of the contract.

b. Subject will be given a thorough debriefing immediately and instructed that he must not, under any circumstances, contact any Project connected personnel nor should he visit the immediate area of our activities in either Burbank or [REDACTED] Final type physical 25X1A6a examination should await termination of the contract in June.

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Personnel Officer

Recommendations in paragraphs 3.a. and 4
are hereby approved:

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